

OVER-THE-COUNTER ELK PERMITS

Within the elk hunt booklet this year is a new opportunity for hunters, elk permits for specific areas that are available over the counter at Arizona Game and Fish Department offices. We would like to provide you with additional information regarding these hunts.

**To report violations, call Operation Game Thief at
1-800-352-0700**

General information

The areas included in these over-the-counter elk hunting locations are low density elk populations where the Department's management objectives are to have few or no resident elk. In some of these areas, elk may be present on private land. Private landowners are important partners in wildlife management and it is essential that you respect private property and treat landowners with respect. **Take the time to get permission before you hunt.** Additionally, there are several points that the Department would like you to keep in mind:

- * **PICK UP ALL LITTER** A.R.S. 17-309A.9; 13-1603
- * **USE EXISTING ROADS ONLY** A.R.S. 17-454
- * **MINIMIZE LIVESTOCK DISTURBANCE** A.R.S. 17-309A.3
- * **CLOSE GATES, UNLESS FIXED OPEN** A.R.S. 17-309A.3
- * **CAMP AT LEAST 1/4 MILE FROM WATERS** A.R.S. 17-308
- * **DO NOT SHOOT WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF OCCUPIED BUILDINGS** A.R.S. 17-309
- * **OBEY ALL REGULATORY SIGNS**
- * **RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS**
- * **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO TAKE WILDLIFE FROM A VEHICLE** A.R.S. 17-301B

Frequently Asked Questions:

What type of hunting license and permit do I need?

- Any valid 2008 Arizona hunting or combination license except a Three-Day Hunting (Class H) License.
- Nonpermit Elk Tag available only at Department offices:
 - Resident – \$114.00 Non-Resident – \$587.50

Is this permit valid only for one hunt area?

- You can hunt in any of the General or Archery-only nonpermit tag areas in Arizona with a single elk permit, but you must use the appropriate weapon for the season. See pages 18-24 in the 2008 Pronghorn Antelope and Elk hunt booklet for details.

What if I apply for 2008 elk hunts and harvest an elk after my application has been submitted?

- If you are lucky enough to draw a permit for 2008, you cannot hunt because you already filled your annual bag limit of one elk per calendar year. You may transfer your tag to your minor child, minor grandchild, or donate the permit to a nonprofit organization that provides opportunities to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Several areas are open for hunting. You may hunt in any or all of these areas so long as you use the appropriate weapon for the open area and do not exceed the annual bag limit of one elk per calendar year. Open areas include:

Units 12A and 12B:

Hunt Dates:

- January 1 to March 31, 2008
- August 1 to September 11, 2008
- December 1 to 31, 2008

Weapon Types:

- General hunt – any weapon described in Commission Rule R12-4-304.A.6 (centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns, and archery – see rule for exact details and verbiage).

Boundary:

- Entire area within Units 12A and 12B

Other notes

- Unit 12A and 12B hunters will be receiving a hunter questionnaire, but successful hunters may report their harvest by calling Tom McCall at (928) 214-1248.

Little Colorado River Hunt Area in Units 4A and 4B:

Hunt Dates:

- January 1 to March 31, 2008
- August 1 to September 11, 2008

Weapon Types:

- General hunt – any weapon described in Commission Rule R12-4-304.A.6 (centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns, and archery – see rule for exact details and verbiage).

Boundary:

- Little Colorado River Hunt Area in Units 4A and 4B - Beginning at the northwest corner of Unit 4A at the southwest corner of the Navajo Indian Reservation; south to Interstate 40 at MP 221.4; east on I-40 to Hipkoe Dr.(exit 252); south on Hipkoe Dr. to Business I-40 (3rd Street); east on Business I-40 to AZ Hwy 87; south on AZ Hwy 87 to AZ Hwy 99; southeast on AZ Hwy 99 to Territorial Road; east on Territorial Road to Chevelon Creek; south along Chevelon Creek to the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest Boundary; east along the National Forest Boundary to the first major powerline; north along the powerline to Hutch Ranch Rd; east along Hutch Ranch Rd to AZ Hwy 377; north on AZ Hwy 377 to AZ Hwy 77; north on AZ Hwy 77 to I-40; east along I-40 to AZ Hwy 77 (exit 292); north on AZ Hwy 77 to the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary; west along the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary to AZ Hwy 87; southwesterly along AZ Hwy 87 to I-40 (exit 257); west on I-40 to North Park Drive (exit 253); north on North Park Dr. to McHood Rd; east on McHood Rd. to the Little Colorado River; north along the channel of the Little Colorado River to the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary; west along the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary to the southwest corner of the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary.

Rincon Basin Hunt Area in Units 4A and 4B:

Hunt Dates:

- January 1 to March 31, 2008
- August 1 to September 11, 2008
- December 1 to 31, 2008

Weapon Types:

- Archery-only hunt area.

Boundary:

- Rincon Basin Hunt Area in Units 4A and 4B - Those portions of Units 4A and 4B beginning at the junction of I-40 (exit 257) and AZ Hwy 87; west along I-40 to North Park Drive (exit 253); north along North Park Dr. to McHood Rd.; east along McHood Rd. to the Little Colorado River; north along the Little Colorado River channel to the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary; east along the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary to AZ Hwy 87; south along AZ Hwy 87 to I-40 (exit 257).

Other Notes for Little Colorado River and Rincon Basin Hunt Areas:

The majority of elk are scattered between Hutch Ranch Road and McLaws Road. Elk densities are low in this large area encompassing thousands of acres with limited road access. Elk can quickly disappear into pinyon-juniper woodland areas. To be successful, a person will need to plan on covering many miles in remote areas.

There is a resident herd of elk along the Little Colorado River (LCR) between Holbrook and Winslow that cause private land conflicts. These elk may feed on private land adjacent to the LCR, which is comprised of irrigated pasture and alfalfa. Hunters must respect private landowner rights. Wintering elk can also be found along the LCR near the Chevelon Wildlife Area.

Unit 4A and 4B hunters will be receiving a hunter questionnaire, but successful hunters may report their harvest by calling Evan Lautzenheiser or Bob Birkeland at (928) 367-4281.

Verde Valley Hunt Area in Units 6A, 19A and 21:

Hunt Dates:

- January 1 to March 31, 2008
- August 1 to September 11, 2008
- December 1 to 31, 2008

Weapon Types:

- Archery-only hunt area

Boundary:

- Verde Valley Hunt Area in Units 6A, 19A and 21 - Those portions of Units 6A, 19A and 21 beginning in that portion of Unit 6A at the junction of I-17 and FR 618 (Beaver Creek Road); southeasterly along FR 618 to AZ Hwy 260 (General Cook Trail); east along AZ Hwy 260 to FR 708 (Fossil Creek Road); east along FR 708 to FR 500; south along FR 500 to the Verde River; north along the Verde River to Chasm Creek; west along the bottom of Chasm Creek to FR 574 (Salt Mine Road) in the Prescott National Forest; northwesterly along FR 574 to Oasis Road; west along Oasis Road to AZ Hwy 260; west along AZ Hwy 260 to AZ Hwy 89A; north along AZ Hwy 89A to FR 119 (Cornville Road);

east along FR 119 to FR 120 (Beaverhead Flat Road); north along FR 120 to AZ Hwy 179; easterly along AZ Hwy 179 to I-17.

Other Notes:

- Elk densities are low in this area of mostly private land; hunters should be aware of the boundaries. Elk densities are concentrated throughout the year in the riparian area of the Verde River and Beaver Creek. Elk use agricultural fields at night, during the growing season, within the Camp Verde area and retreat to the riparian areas during the day. These elk may feed on private land, which is comprised of irrigated pasture and crops. Hunters must respect private landowner rights.
- Hunting is not allowed on the Yavapai-Apache Reservation or within Montezuma Castle and Montezuma Well National Monuments; hunters should be aware of these boundaries. Elk populations on public land are east of the Verde River, near the White Hills and Wikieup Mesa within the Coconino National Forest. See a Coconino National Forest map for these areas, roads and access.
- For more information, call Tom Bagley at (928) 567-2478.
- Verde Valley Hunt Area hunters will be receiving a hunter questionnaire, but successful hunters may report their harvest by calling the Kingman Regional Office at (928) 692-7700.

Alamo Lake Hunt Area in Units 16A and 44A:

Hunt Dates:

- January 1 to March 31, 2008
- August 1 to September 11, 2008
- December 1 to 31, 2008

Weapon Types:

- General hunt – any weapon described in Commission Rule R12-4-304.A.6 (centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and bows – see rule for exact details and verbiage)

Boundary:

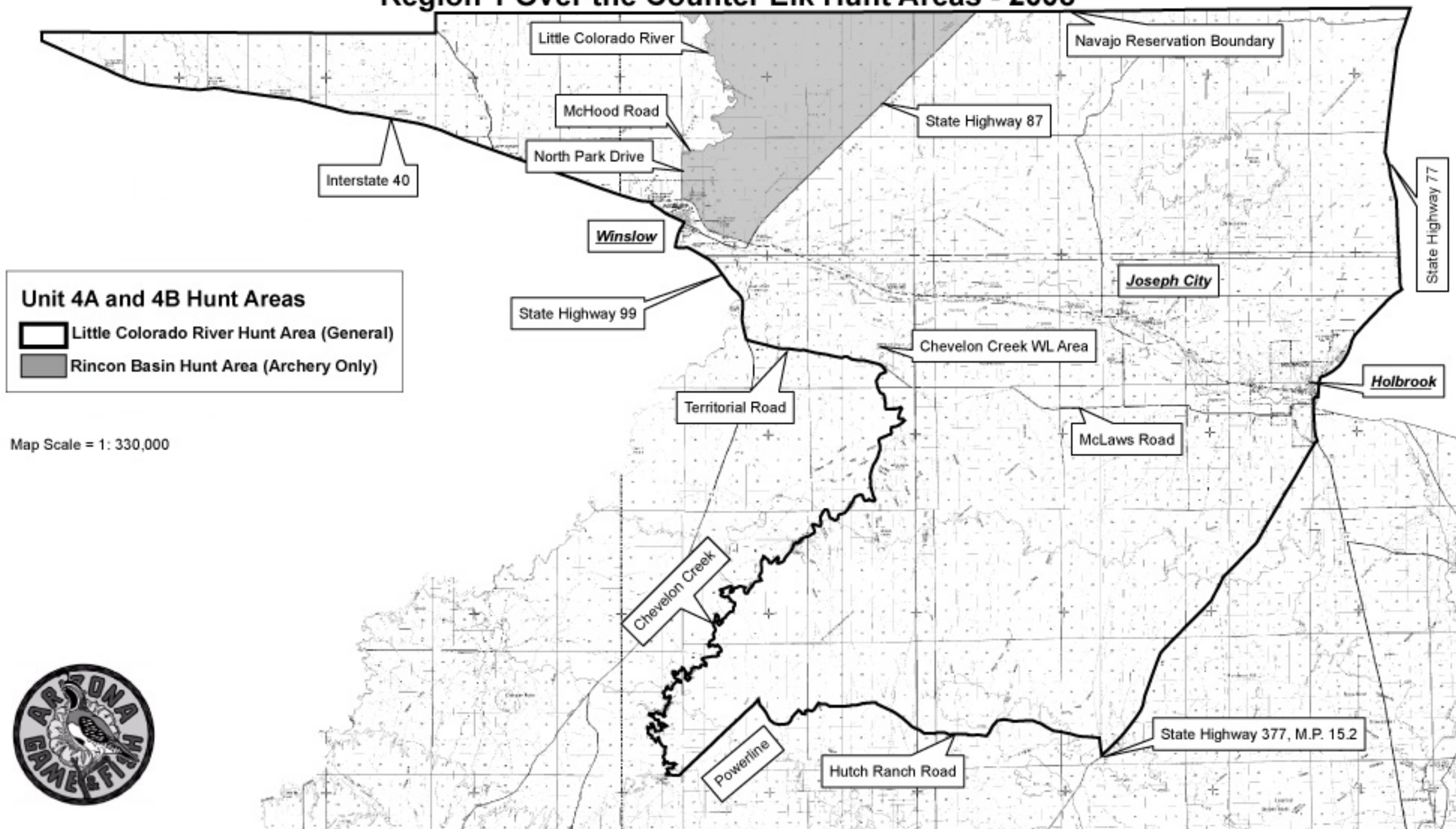
- That portion of Unit 16A south of Signal road and east of the Yucca-Alamo Road; and that portion of Unit 44A north of Alamo Road and west of AZ Hwy 93.

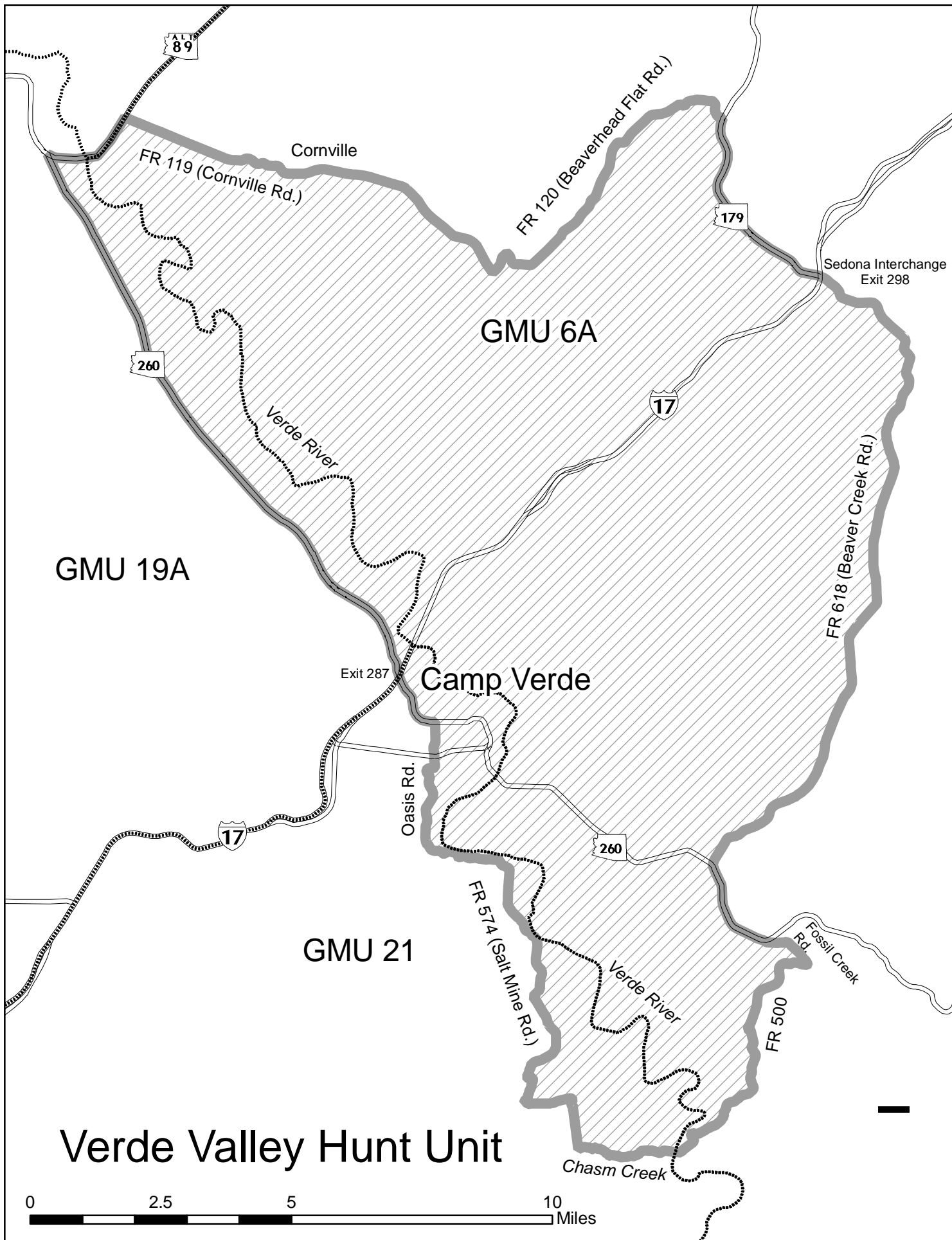
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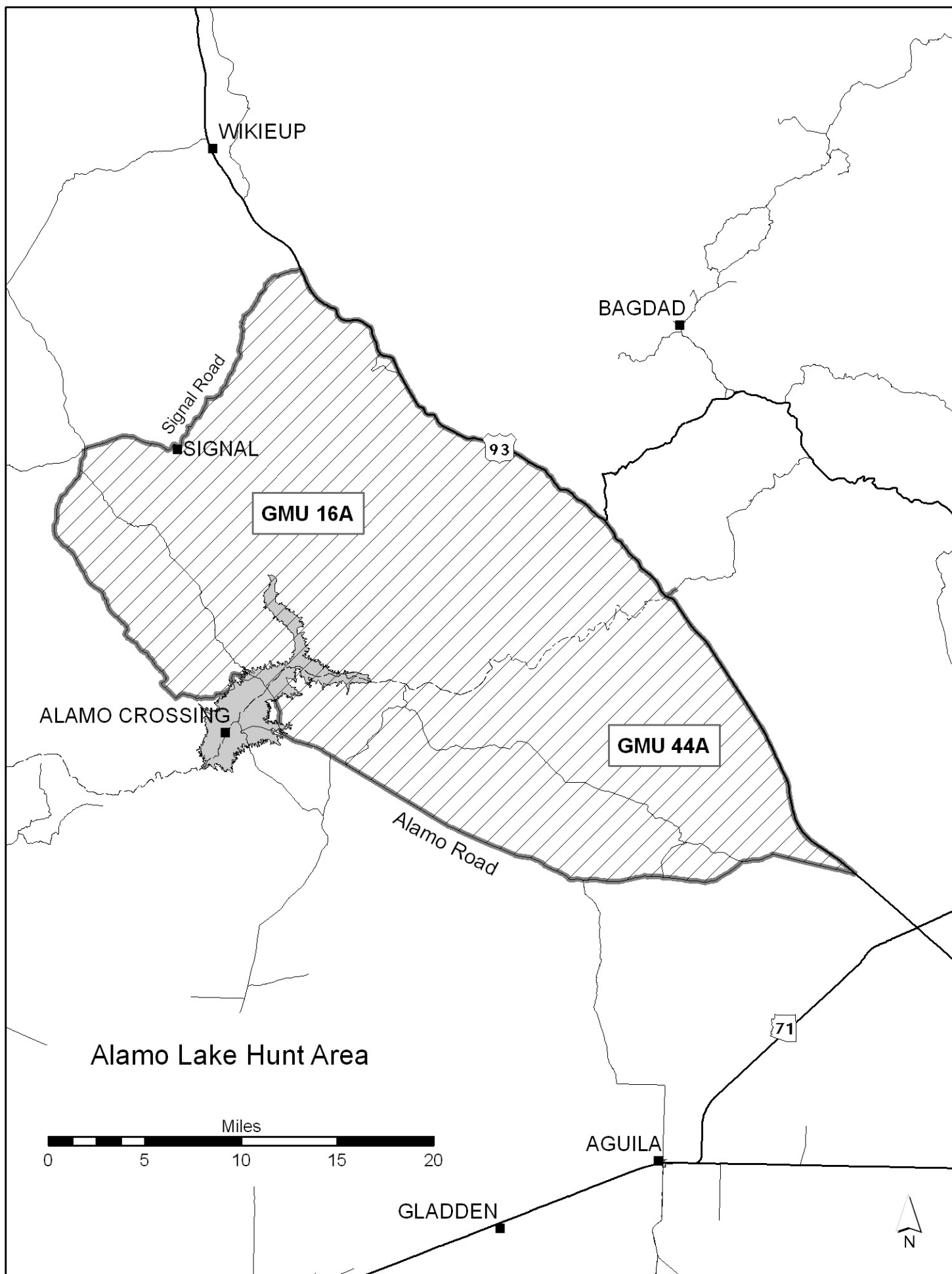
- Elk primarily live along the Santa Maria and Big Sandy rivers upstream of Alamo Lake. They are often in areas of very dense brush and trees and may be difficult to locate. There are only a few elk in this hunt area, and most hunters in the past have had poor success finding them. Much of the area is designated wilderness and vehicle access to the area is limited; some of the area that may be occupied by elk is private land. Hunters must respect private landowner rights.

Unit 16A and 44A hunters will be receiving a hunter questionnaire, but successful hunters may report their harvest by calling Bob Henry at 928-342-0091.

Region 1 Over the Counter Elk Hunt Areas - 2008







Elk: Commission Order 4 (*continued*)

LIMITED OPPORTUNITY (ARCHERY-ONLY) ELK

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
3175	Sep 12 - Sep 25, 2008	(22)	15A, 15B, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19B, 20A, and 20C	Bull elk	75
3176	Sep 12 - Sep 25, 2008	(22)	15A, 15B, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19B, 20A, and 20C	Antlerless elk	75
3177	Sep 12 - Sep 25, 2008	(22)	28	Any elk	5
3178	Sep 12 - Sep 25, 2008	(22)	31 and 32	Any elk	5
Total					160

GENERAL NONPERMIT TAG REQUIRED ELK (*available only at department offices*)

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2008	(30,31)	Little Colorado River Hunt Area in Units 4A and 4B; Units 12A and 12B; and the Alamo Lake Hunt Area in Units 16A and 44A	Any elk
Aug 1 - Sep 11, 2008	(30,31)	Little Colorado River Hunt Area in Units 4A and 4B; Units 12A and 12B; and the Alamo Lake Hunt Area in Units 16A and 44A	Any elk
Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(31)	Units 12A and 12B; and the Alamo Lake Hunt Area in Units 16A and 44A	Any elk

ARCHERY-ONLY NONPERMIT TAG REQUIRED ELK (*available only at department offices*)

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2008	(32,33)	Rincon Basin Hunt Area in Units 4A and 4B, and Verde Valley Hunt Area in Units 6A, 19A, and 21	Any elk
Aug 1 - Sep 11, 2008	(32,33)	Rincon Basin Hunt Area in Units 4A and 4B, and Verde Valley Hunt Area in Units 6A, 19A, and 21	Any elk
Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(32,33)	Rincon Basin Hunt Area in Units 4A and 4B, and Verde Valley Hunt Area in Units 6A, 19A, and 21	Any elk

Elk Notes:

- Escudilla Hunt Area in Unit 1 - That portion of Unit 1 east and north of U.S. Hwy 180.
- 1 East Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 1 beginning at the junction of AZ Hwy 260 and AZ Hwy 261; south on AZ Hwy 261 to FR 113 (AZ Hwy 273); south on FR 113 to FR 249; east on FR 249 to U.S. Hwy 180; south and east on U.S. Hwy 180 to the Arizona/New Mexico Stateline; north along the Arizona/New Mexico Stateline to U.S. Hwy 60; west on U.S. Hwy 60 to U.S. Hwy 180; south on U.S. Hwy 180 to AZ Hwy 260; west on AZ Hwy 260 to AZ Hwy 261.
- Round Valley Hunt Area in Unit 1 - That portion of Unit 1 beginning at the junction of AZ Hwy 260 and AZ Hwy 261; south on AZ Hwy 261 to FR 8070C; east on FR 8070C to FR 285; north on FR 285 to FR 74/76; east on FR 74/76 to Forest Trail 607 (Saffel Canyon Trail); east on Forest Trail 607 to AZ Hwy 191; southeast on AZ Hwy 191 to Nutrioso Creek; north along Nutrioso Creek to AZ Hwy 60; west on AZ Hwy 60 to AZ Hwy 191; south along AZ Hwy 191 to AZ Hwy 260; west on AZ Hwy 260 to AZ Hwy 261.
- 3A and 3C East Hunt Unit - Unit 3A and that portion of Unit 3C north of AZ Hwy 260 and that portion of Unit 3C south of AZ Hwy 260 and east of FR 146.
- 3A West and 4B Dry Lake Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 3A located west of AZ Hwy 77 and that portion of Unit 4B beginning at Chevelon Canyon and the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest boundary; south-easterly along the forest boundary to FR 153; south along FR 153 to FR 95; south-easterly along FR 95 to FR 88A; southeasterly along FR 88A to FR 88; southeasterly along FR 88 to AZ Hwy 277; east on AZ Hwy 277 to AZ Hwy 377; northeasterly along AZ Hwy 377 to Hutch Ranch Road (mp 15.2); north then westerly on Hutch Ranch Road to the first major power-line; southwest along the power-line to the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest boundary; and west along the forest boundary to Chevelon Canyon.
- 3C West Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 3C which lies south of AZ Hwy 260 and west of FR 146.
- In the northern portion of Unit 5A, access is permitted on the Clear Creek Ranch by written permission only. Written permission may be obtained at the Ranch headquarters located west of AZ Highway 87 at mile post 333.
- East Sunset, West Sunset, and Meteor Crater Hunt Area in Units 5A and 5B North - That portion of Unit 5A beginning at the junction of the northern boundary of the Coconino National Forest and AZ Hwy 87 (mp 316.7 on Hwy 87); west, north and west along the Coconino National Forest boundary to FR 69 (Meteor Crater Rd.); northerly along the FR 69 approximately 10.8 miles to a dirt road (Wolfolk Well Rd.); westerly on the dirt road to Diablo Canyon; northerly along the bottom of Diablo Canyon to I-40; easterly on I-40 to Hipkoe Dr. in Winslow; south on Hipkoe Dr. to Business I-40 (3rd St.); east on Business I-40 (3rd St.) to AZ Hwy 87; south on AZ Hwy 87 to AZ Hwy 99; south on AZ Hwy 99 to East Clear Creek; southwest-erly along the bottom of East Clear Creek to the Coconino National Forest boundary; north and west along the Coconino National Forest boundary to AZ Hwy 87.
- 5B North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 5B located north of the following roads: Beginning at the junction of FH 3 (Lake Mary/Clints Well Road) and FR 125; east

Elk Notes continued:

hunt area (see the Index: Hunting on Public Lands).

29. Martinez Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the Arizona-New Mexico state line and the San Francisco River; south along the New Mexico state line to AZ Hwy 78; southwest on AZ Hwy 78 to U.S. Hwy 191; north on U.S. Hwy 191 to the San Francisco River; easterly along the San Francisco River to the Arizona-New Mexico state line.
30. Little Colorado River Hunt Area in Units 4A and 4B - Beginning at the northwest corner of Unit 4A at the southwest corner of the Navajo Indian Reservation; south to Interstate 40 at MP 221.4; east on I-40 to Hipkoe Dr.(exit 252); south on Hipkoe Dr. to Business I-40 (3rd Street); east on Business I-40 to AZ Hwy 87; south on AZ Hwy 87 to AZ Hwy 99; southeast on AZ Hwy 99 to Territorial Road; east on Territorial Road to Chevelon Creek; south along Chevelon Creek to the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest Boundary; east along the National Forest Boundary to the first major powerline; north along the powerline to Hutch Ranch Rd; east along Hutch Ranch Rd to AZ Hwy 377; north on AZ Hwy 377 to AZ Hwy 77; north on AZ Hwy 77 to I-40; east along I-40 to AZ Hwy 77 (exit 292); north on AZ Hwy 77 to the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary; west along the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary to AZ Hwy 87; southwesterly along AZ Hwy 87 to I-40 (exit 257); west on I-40 to North Park Drive (exit 253); north on North Park Drive to McHood Rd; east on McHood Rd to the Little Colorado River; north along the channel of the Little Colorado River to the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary; west along the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary to the southwest corner of Unit 4A and the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary. More information on these hunts can be found on the Department's Web site (type Over-the-Counter Elk Tags in the search box).
31. Alamo Lake Hunt Area in Units 16A and 44A - That portion of Unit 16A south of Signal Road and east of the Yucca-Alamo Road; and that portion of Unit 44A north of Alamo Road and west of AZ Hwy 93.
32. Verde Valley Hunt Area in Units 6A, 19A, and 21 - Beginning in that portion of Unit 6A at the junction of I-17 and FR 618 (Beaver Creek Road); southeasterly along FR 618 to AZ Hwy 260 (General Crook Trail); east along AZ Hwy 260 to FR 708 (Fossil Creek Road); east along FR 708 to FR 500; south along FR 500 to the Verde River to Chasm Creek; west along the bottom of Chasm Creek to FR 574 (Salt Mine Road) in the Prescott National Forest; northwesterly along FR 574 to Oasis Road; westerly along Oasis Road to AZ Hwy 260; west along AZ Hwy 260 to US Hwy 89A; north along US Hwy 89A to FR 119 (Cornville Road); east along FR 119 to FR 120 (Bearverhead Flat Road); north along FR 120 to AZ Hwy 179; easterly along AZ Hwy 179 to I-17.
33. Rincon Basin Hunt Area in Units 4A and 4B - Those portions of Units 4A and 4B beginning at the junction of I-40 (exit 257) and AZ Hwy 87; west along I-40 to North Park Drive (exit 253); north along North Park Drive to McHood road; east along McHood Road to the Little Colorado River; north along the Little Colorado River channel to the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary; east along the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary to AZ Hwy 87; south along AZ Hwy 87 to I-40 (exit 257).

2007 Drawing Odds

Hunt Success for most 2007 seasons was not available at the time of printing. Hunt Success data will be included in the Hunt Arizona book, which is printed each May. Draw odds reflect an applicant's chance of receiving his or her first choice and are computed without regard to bonus points or residency. Draw odds showing zero (0) indicates your odds are less than 1 percent.

Unit	Hunt Type	Date	Permits Auth.	1 st and 2 nd Choice	Draw Odds (percent)
ELK					
General					
1 (ES)	Antlerless	12/14-12/20	50	176	40
1 (RV)	Antlerless	12/7-12/11	30	44	67
1/2B/2C	Antlerless	12/14-12/20	70	852	10
1/2B/2C	Bull	9/28-10/4	40	6975	1
1/2B/2C	Bull	11/23-11/29	425	6330	8
1/2C	(Jr.) Antlerless	10/19-10/25	160	924	21
1 East	Antlerless	11/30-12/6	50	224	36
2B	AE	10/5-10/14	10	88	19
2B	Antlerless	8/24-9/6	25	31	100
2B	AE	12/7-12/16	10	55	15
2B	Antlerless	12/7-12/16	20	8	100
2B	AE	10/19-10/28	10	37	18
2B	AE	8/24-9/6	10	89	17
2B	Antlerless	10/5-10/14	25	23	100
2B	Antlerless	10/19-10/28	20	12	100
3A/3C	Antlerless	10/12-10/17	265	1471	23
3A/3C	Bull	11/23-11/29	190	1866	13
3A/3C	Antlerless	12/7-12/13	250	722	55
3A/3C East	Antlerless	10/19-10/25	300	776	57
3A West/4B North	Antlerless	10/12-10/25	75	96	81
3B	Antlerless	12/14-12/30	150	447	49
3B (CH)	Antlerless	10/12-10/18	10	39	27
3B	Bull	11/23-11/29	150	932	17
3B	Antlerless	12/7-12/13	50	340	25
3C West	Antlerless	10/19-10/25	150	420	44
4A	Bull	11/23-11/29	250	1835	22
4A	(Jr.) Antlerless	10/19-10/25	220	1640	36
4A	Antlerless	10/26-11/1	100	698	22
4A	Bull	9/28-10/4	15	1158	2
4B	Bull	9/28-10/4	25	1192	2
4B	Bull	11/23-11/29	300	1768	24
4B North	AE	11/30-12/31	5	59	0
4B North	AE	8/1-9/13	5	127	4
4B North	AE	11/30-12/31	5	2	***
4B North	AE	8/1-9/13	15	25	78
4B North	AE	11/2-11/22	10	6	100
4B North	AE	10/12-11/1	15	7	100
5A	Bull	11/23-11/29	165	1558	14
5A	Antlerless	10/19-10/25	300	1715	28
5A	Antlerless	11/30-12/6	200	500	60
5A/5B North (SM)	Antlerless	10/19-10/25	75	67	100
5A/5B North (SM)	AE	10/19-10/25	75	533	19
5B North	Bull	11/23-11/29	425	4025	16
5B North	Antlerless	11/30-12/6	150	525	43
5B North (ML)	Antlerless	10/19-10/25	300	929	40
5B North (TT)	Antlerless	10/19-10/25	100	117	93
5B South	Antlerless	11/30-12/6	550	1617	47
5B South	Bull	11/23-11/29	350	4524	13
5B South	Antlerless	10/19-10/25	625	4109	21
6A	Antlerless	11/30-12/6	700	4046	24
6A	Bull	11/23-11/29	860	12036	9
6A/19A/21 (VV)	Antlerless	10/19-10/25	25	37	76
6A/19A/21 (VV)	AE	11/23-11/29	10	95	14
6AN/6A South	(Jr.) Antlerless	10/19-10/25	765	2580	35
6AN/6A West	Bull	9/28-10/4	25	3022	1
6A West	Antlerless	10/19-10/25	75	333	33
6B	Antlerless	11/30-12/6	450	675	76
6B	Bull	11/23-11/29	230	1490	21
7 East	Antlerless	10/19-10/25	325	920	53